



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: HOLDER FOR PLANT CUTTINGS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2003, please amend this application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Holder for plant cuttings, comprising at least one carrier and a series of clamping elements which are fixed to the carrier and which are each adapted to clamp a plant cutting, wherein the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier such that plant cuttings clamped in the clamping elements extend substantially parallel to each other, and the center of each of the clamping elements is situated substantially in the same central plane, wherein the central plane extends at a right angle to the plant cuttings.

REMARKS

Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled. No new matter or new issues are raised by this amendment.

The indication that claims 18-20 remain allowable if rewritten in independent form is appreciated.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-23 remain rejected as being anticipated by Tai. Claims 10, 15-17, and 24 remain rejected as obvious over Tai, and claims 6 and 13 remain